

**Amendments to the Specification:**

*Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:*

This application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/159,784, filed on 05/31/02, entitled "Stored Value Education Account"; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/955,747, filed on 09/18/01, entitled "Method & System for Transferring Stored Value"; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/696,014, filed on 10/28/03, entitled "System for Activation of Multiple Cards"; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/405,043, filed on 03/31/03, entitled "Methods and Systems for Processing Unrestricted Stored-Value Instruments"; U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/515,918, filed on 10/29/03, entitled "Health Care Eligibility Verification Systems and Methods"; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/675,929 filed on 09/29/03, entitled "Systems & Methods for Verifying Medical Insurance Coverage"; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/694,925, filed on 10/27/03, entitled "Methods and Systems for Processing Transactions for Integrated Credit and Stored-Value Programs"; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/694,924, filed on 10/27/03, entitled "Methods and Systems for Managing Integrated Credit and Stored-Value Programs"; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/079,927, filed on 02/19/02, entitled "Systems & Methods for Operating Loyalty Programs"; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/421,604, filed on 04/22/03, entitled "Multi-Purse Card System and Methods"; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/690,394, filed on 10/20/03, entitled "Systems and Methods for Fraud Management in Relation to Stored Value Cards"; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/714,437 filed on 11/14/03 ~~concurrently herewith~~, entitled "Open Loop Stored Value System" (~~temporarily referenced by Attorney Docket No. 020375-047500US~~); U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/520,432 filed 11/14/03 ~~concurrently herewith~~, entitled "Bulk Card Ordering System and Methods" (~~temporarily referenced by Attorney Docket No. 020375-043000US~~); U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/520,486 filed 11/14/03 ~~concurrently herewith~~, entitled "Stored Value Lottery Card and Methods" (~~temporarily referenced by Attorney Docket No. 020375-044500US~~), U.S.

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entitled "System for Accounting" (~~temporarily referenced by Attorney Docket No. 020375-~~  
~~018810US~~), which are incorporated by reference in their entirety.